The Commission request the Government of India to enact suitable legislation and in this context draw special attention to clauses 2.1 (a), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17 and 21 of the enclosed draft bill, which may please be borne in mind in such legislative enactment.

National Archives of India : The draft bill is under consideration of the Government of India.

VI. **Resolutions of the 45th Session, Mysore, 1-2 February, 1977**

Resolution II : Resolved to reiterate the earlier resolutions that the Universities should organise Archival Cells for preserving their records on scientific lines. It is further recommended that necessary assistance may be obtained from the University Grants Commission in this behalf.

Osmania University : The proposal has been forwarded by the Head of History Department to the Registrar for favourable consideration.

Kashmir University : The resolution is receiving attention of the University authorities.

Sambalpur University : The university has already established archival cell with the assistance of the University Grants Commission.

Udaipur University : The proposal in this regard has been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

Sardar Patel University: The University Grants Commission could not extend financial support for the creation of archival cell.

Kurukshetra University : The University Grants Commission has sanctioned three posts of Archivist, Assistant Archivist and Chemist for creation of archival cell in the University.

Patiala University : The University has set up an archival cell.

Gauhati University : A proposal regarding establishing Archival Cell has been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

Karnataka University : The University is exploring the possibility of setting up of an Archival Cell.

Guru Nanak Dev University : A proposal for establishment of an Archival Cell in this University has been sent to the University Grants Commission and a grant of Rs. 1 lakh has already been allocated by the Commission for construction of building for Archival Cell.

Saurashtra University : Move for establishment of an Archival Cell in the University is on the way and a proposal has been sent to the University Grants Commission in this regard.

Dibrugarh University : Since 1973 this institution is running an Archival Cell in a very moderate form. For the effective development of

the existing cell, a proposal for financial assistance was sent to the University Grants Commission.

Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University: The University has established Post-graduate department in History very recently and as such, it has not been possible to create Archival Cell in this University. This matter will be considered once the Post-graduate department in History is established.

Utkal University: The University is shortly going to open an Archival Cell, and post of an Archivist has already been sanctioned by the Senate of the University. The cell will begin to operate after the appointment of Archivist.

Burdwan University: The University is not properly equipped financially or otherwise for immediate action in the matter which, however, is receiving active consideration. Any decision taken in future in this behalf would be communicated in due course.

Sri Venkateshwara University: An Archival Cell was established in 1972.

Bhagalpur University: The University has moved the State Government and University Grants Commission for sanctioning the scheme.

Ravishankar University: The University is making efforts for setting up of an Archival Cell in the University. On request an outline of the scheme along with the guidelines in this behalf was sent to the University from the National Archives of India.

The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda: The University is not in a position to start the Archival Cell.

Gujarat University: The University is exploring the possibility of setting up of an Archival Cell.

Resolution III: In view of the importance and urgent necessity of preserving old records, resolved that the State Governments be requested to give high priority to the development of Archives in their 6th Plan proposals, and that the Central Government should give special grants for specific schemes to the extent possible.

Tamil Nadu: The Government has accepted the resolution in principle.

Rajasthan: The Schemes for inclusion in the Sixth Five-Year Plan, have been submitted to the Government.

Orissa: The resolution is under consideration of the Government.

Assam: Action has already been initiated to set up Archives during Sixth Plan Period.

Andhra Pradesh: The Government have been requested to provide special grants every year for implementing development schemes.

Karnataka : Annual allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs has been made during Sixth Five-Year Plan, and efforts will be made to utilize the whole amount for the "Development of Archives".

Madhya Pradesh : Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Goa : The resolution has been accepted and the funds have been provided in the Fifth Five-Year Plan Schemes in this behalf.

Delhi : The Scheme of Delhi Archives is a plan project and the funds are allocated on year to year basis by the Planning Commission on the recommendations of the Plan Board of the Union Territory of Delhi. There has been no difficulty as far as the allotment of funds or diversion thereof is concerned. Since the scheme has already been included in the Fifth Five-Year Plan the same will automatically continue in the next Five-Year Plan. Obviously, in the present situation, separate funds are already allocated for the development of archives.

Jammu and Kashmir : The resolution has been forwarded to the Government with the request that top priority to the development of archives be given and a separate fund to this effect created.

Punjab : The resolution is under consideration of the Government.

Maharashtra : The resolution has been forwarded to the Government for favourable consideration.

West Bengal : The Development of Archives has already been included as a separate head in the Sixth Plan budget of the State and in annual budget a separate fund has been kept apart for the development of archives as a plan item and funds thus allocated are fully utilized for specific purpose.

Haryana : The Government has no objection to the acceptance of the resolution subject to the availability of funds for its implementation.

Sikkim : The resolution is under consideration of the Government.

Uttar Pradesh : The matter of allocating adequate finances for the development of regional archives at Varanasi, Nainital and the State Archives at Lucknow in the Sixth Five-Year Plan, is under consideration of the State Government.

Pondicherry : Government of Pondicherry has agreed to transfer the administrative control of Pondicherry Archives to National Archives of India. However, proposals for organising Archives, so as to preserve the records of Post Independence period will be included in Sixth Five Year Plan.

Gujarat : The Government will keep the resolution in view at the time of the formation of the Sixth Five-Year Plan and will take necessary steps to utilize the funds allotted by the Planning Commission to the maximum extent possible.

Lakshadweep : The administration has to offer no comments in this matter.

Resolution IV : Resolved that a system of 'National Readers Cards' be introduced, as it would facilitate and encourage genuine research in the country, and custodians of records at the all India as well as the State level, should honour these cards.

National Archives of India : The proposed scheme along with the comments of the Director of Archives has been forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare in the Department of Culture for approval.

Recommendations, 45th Session, Mysore, 1977

(a) * * * After some discussion about the rules of access to Government Records, the President stated that this matter had already been discussed in many previous sessions of the Commission, and the Secretary of the Commission and the Chairman of the Standing Committee would continue their efforts to bring to the notice of the State Governments concerned the recommendations of the Commission for further liberalisation of the access rules.

National Archives of India : All the State Archives were requested to send the rules governing access to their respective records for the bonafide research scholars. The required information have been received and further efforts will be made to secure liberalisation of the rules.

(b) Discussing the conspectus of action taken on previous resolutions of the Commission, several Members, including Professor M. N. Das, Professor P. L. Mehra, Dr. G. H. Khare and Dr. Raghubir Singh, emphasised the importance of ensuring that the private papers of eminent Indians still active in various fields were properly preserved and arranged. Members felt that the personalities concerned should be addressed in this matter by the President himself. The Secretary pointed out that the difficulty was in compiling a satisfactory list of eminent persons, and the Members agreed to send him their suggestions regarding the names of persons to be included in the list.

National Archives of India : On the basis of the information received from the States/Union Territories, Archives of Haryana, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and the Universities of Gauhati, Ravi Shankar, Karnataka and Osmania, and Regional Record Survey Committee, Tripura a list is being compiled for further necessary action.

(c) * * * it was agreed that the Secretary of the Commission would prepare list of the residential facilities specially arranged for scholars at Delhi and at the different State capitals, and a copy of this list and the relevant information might be sent to Members and Heads of the Department of History in different Universities.

In pursuance of the recommendation, information of the National Archives of India as well as the State/Union Territory Archives as detailed below have been sent to the Members of the Commission.

National Archives of India : The bonafide research scholars can avail themselves of Sapru House and Jawaharlal Nehru University Hostel (New Delhi) accommodation at reasonable rates. Five research scholars were provided accommodation facilities during 1975-76 and seven in 1976-77 there.

Uttar Pradesh : The research scholars can avail themselves of the residential accommodation at reasonable rates at the following places :

1. Young Men's Christian Association, Lucknow.
2. Young Women's Christian Association, Lucknow.
3. State Tourism House, Lucknow.
4. Lucknow University Guest House, Lucknow.

Rajasthan : A big room with four beds is available and Government has been requested to provide it by charging Rs. 2 per bed.

Kerala : State Archives has no residential facilities of its own. However, the places where three repositories are situated, i.e. Trivandrum, Calicut and Cochin have good lodging houses suitable for research scholars.

Pondicherry : The number of the visiting research scholars being very small, there is no problem in accommodating them in private lodges located close to the Archives.

Nagaland : Accommodation is available in M.L.A's Hostel and also in the Circuit House.

Maharashtra : Residential facilities are provided in M.L.A's hostel when possible.

Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Assam, Orissa, Haryana, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have no residential facilities.

Goa, Karnataka, Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir are making efforts in this direction.

(d) In the course of a lively discussion which followed and in which several members took part, Prof. A. L. Basham suggested that local historical societies or research institutions could, perhaps, help in the preservation and proper arrangement of the records at the district level, as was the practice in several western countries. The members welcomed the proposal of the President that he might constitute a special Committee to examine the whole problem and to suggest appropriate action.

National Archives of India :. The Recommendation was placed before the Standing Committee at its Seventh Meeting held on 28th November, 1977. The Committee examined the various aspects of the Recommendation in respect of maintenance of records in Muffassil Offices at district and village level and was of the view that setting up of a Committee would not solve such a multi-dimensional problem. It felt that the State Governments should be urged to make adequate arrangements for the scientific preservation of such records.